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SUBJECT: TREASURY LOOKING INTO EBAN'S U.S. ACCOUNTS

1. DURING THE LAST TWO DAYS THE PRESS HAS AIRED CHARGES, FIRST MADE IN AN ANNONYMOUS LETTER, THAT ABBA EBAN (LIKE PRIME MINISTER RABIN) HAS U.S. BANK ACCOUNTS IN VIOLATION OF ISRAEL'S CURRENCY RESTRICTIONS. THE TREASURY ANNOUNCED APRIL 23 THAT IT WAS CHECKING WHETHER EBAN'S TRANSACTIONS WERE IN ACCORD WITH THE TERMS OF A PERMIT GRANTED HIM SOME TEN YEARS AGO TO MAINTAIN THESE ACCOUNTS. ACCORDING TO A STATEMENT RELEASED BY EBAN, THE ACCOUNTS COMPLY WITH THE CONDITIONS OF HIS PERMIT, ARE PERFECTLY LEGAL AND ARE CONNECTED WITH HIS LITERARY AND ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES IN THE U.S. HE IS WORKING ON TWO BOOKS FOR AN AMERICAN PUBLISHER--AN AUTOBIOGRAPHY AND A TEXTBOOK ON DIPLOMATIC METHODS AND MAINTAINS A STAFF IN NEW YORK.

2. ALTHOUGH EBAN'S PERMIT HAD EXPIRED, A TREASURY SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT THIS WOULD BE REGARDED AS ONLY UNCLASSIFIED

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A "TECHNICAL" VIOLATION AND NOT SUBJECT TO PROSECUTION. HOWEVER, THE MATTER TOOK ON NEW LIFE WITH TODAY'S REPORT THAT EBAN IS UNABLE TO PRODUCE THE PERMIT AND THE BURDEN OF PRODUCING IT IS ON HIM. MEANWHILE, THE RESULTS ARE AWAITED OF THE TREASURY'S INQUIRY (THE SPOKESMAN REFUSED TO CALL IT AN "INVESTIGATION") INTO THE COMPLIANCE OF EBAN'S TRANSACTIONS WITH HIS

PERMIT (ASSUMING IT EXISTS).
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